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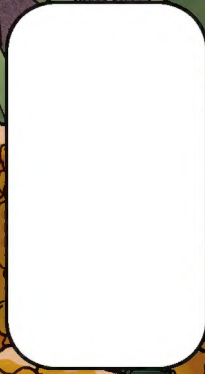
# SONIC™

## THE HEDGEHOG

--IS BACK  
FROM OUTER  
SPACE!



DON'T MISS:  
**Home**  
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# HOME

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# "THE BLUE BLUR RETURNS!"



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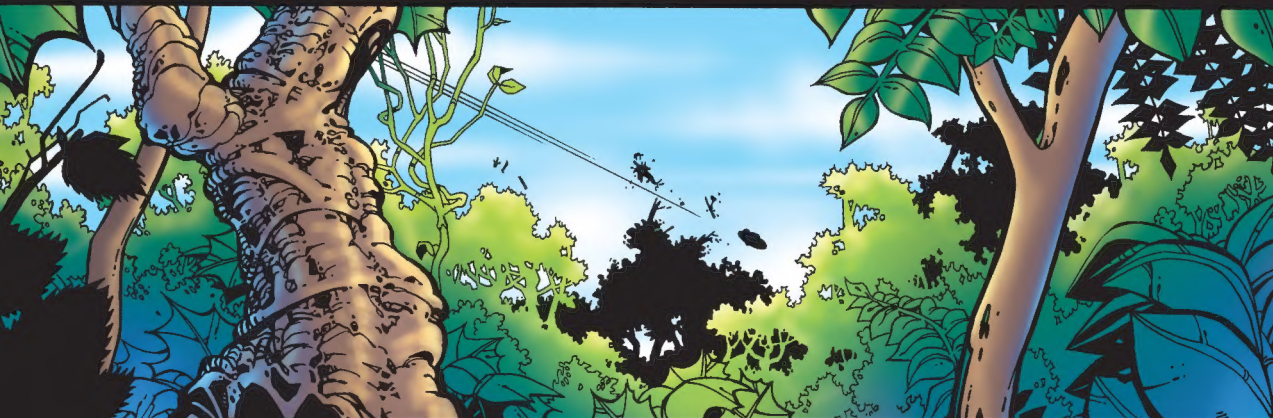
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IT MAY HAVE  
TAKEN A WHILE  
GETTING HERE...

... BUT I FINALLY  
MADE IT BACK  
TO MOBIUS  
WHERE I  
BELONG...



... AND BOY,  
DOES IT  
FEEL GREAT!

AH, THE GREEN  
BRANCHES...  
THE WARM  
SUN... THE...



... THICK  
BLACK  
SMOKE?

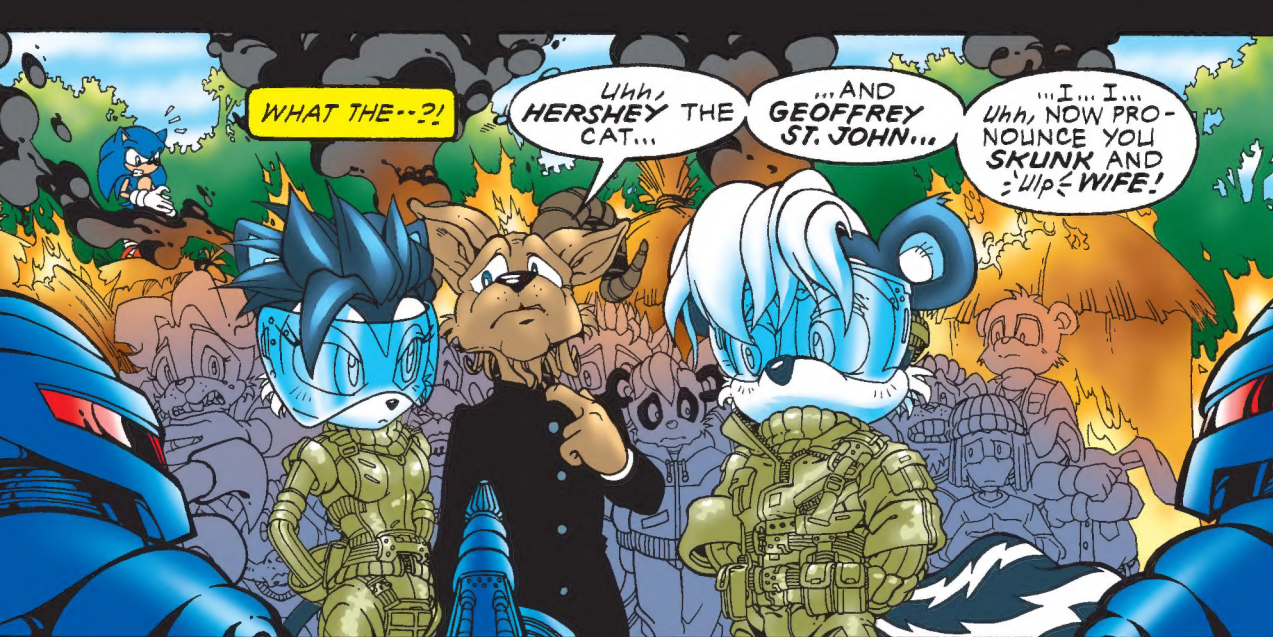
COMING FROM  
JUST BEYOND  
THOSE TREES.



I'D BETTER  
CHECK IT  
OUT.

FAST.



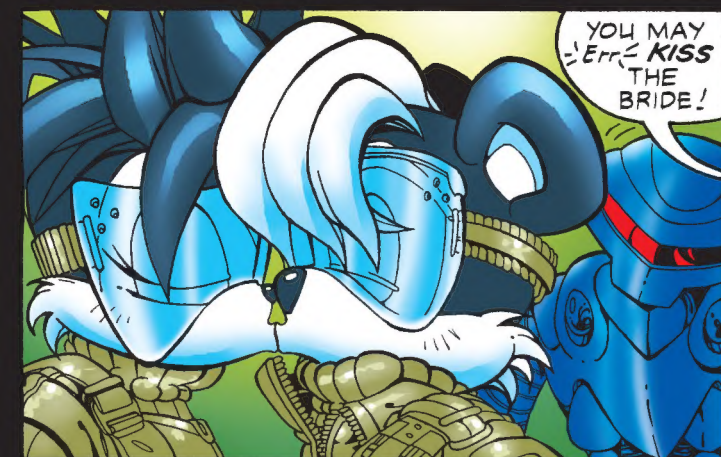


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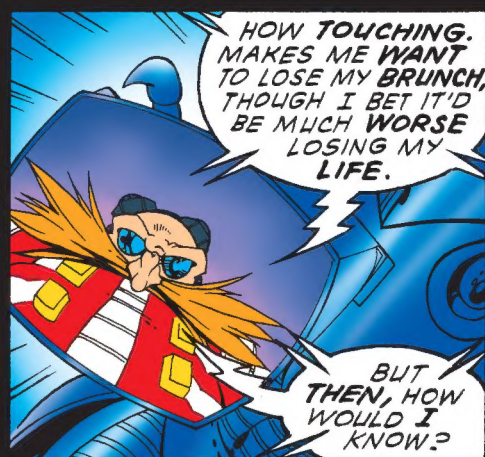
Uhh, **HERSHEY THE CAT...**

...AND **GEOFFREY ST. JOHN...**

...I... I...  
Uhh, NOW PRO-  
NOUNCE YOU  
**SKUNK AND**  
...**WIFE!**

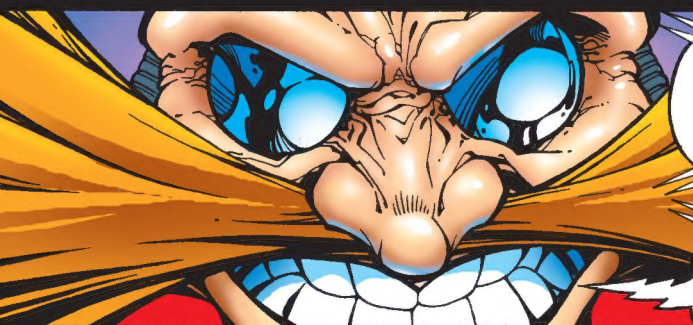


YOU MAY  
...Err...  
THE  
BRIDE!



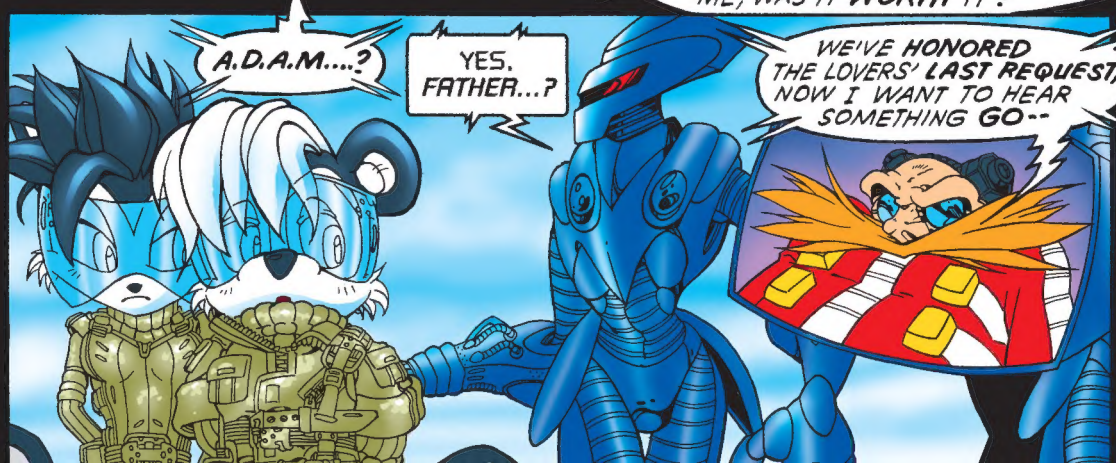
HOW **TOUCHING**.  
MAKES ME **WANT**  
TO LOSE MY **BRUNCH**,  
THOUGH I BET IT'D  
BE MUCH **WORSE**  
LOSING MY  
**LIFE**.

BUT  
THEN, HOW  
WOULD I  
KNOW?



I DON'T KNOW **HOW** YOU TWO  
**CUDDLE-BUNNIES** MANAGED TO **ESCAPE**  
MY **PENITENTIARY**, BUT MY **SWAT-BOTS**  
TRACKED YOU HERE **ANYWAY**. HIDING  
IN **ONE** OF MY **VILLAGES**, I'LL ADMIT  
I WENT A LITTLE **OVERBOARD** RAZING  
IT TO THE GROUND IN **RETRALIATION**...

...BUT THAT'S THE **PRICE** THEY  
PAY FOR **HARBORING SPIES**. NOW THEY  
HAVE TO BE **RELOCATED**, YOU'LL NEVER  
GET TO TELL **ANYONE** WHAT YOU  
**DISCOVERED** IN MY **ARMS FACTORY**,  
AND MY **SECRET** IS **SAFE**. NOW TELL  
ME, WAS IT **WORTH IT?**

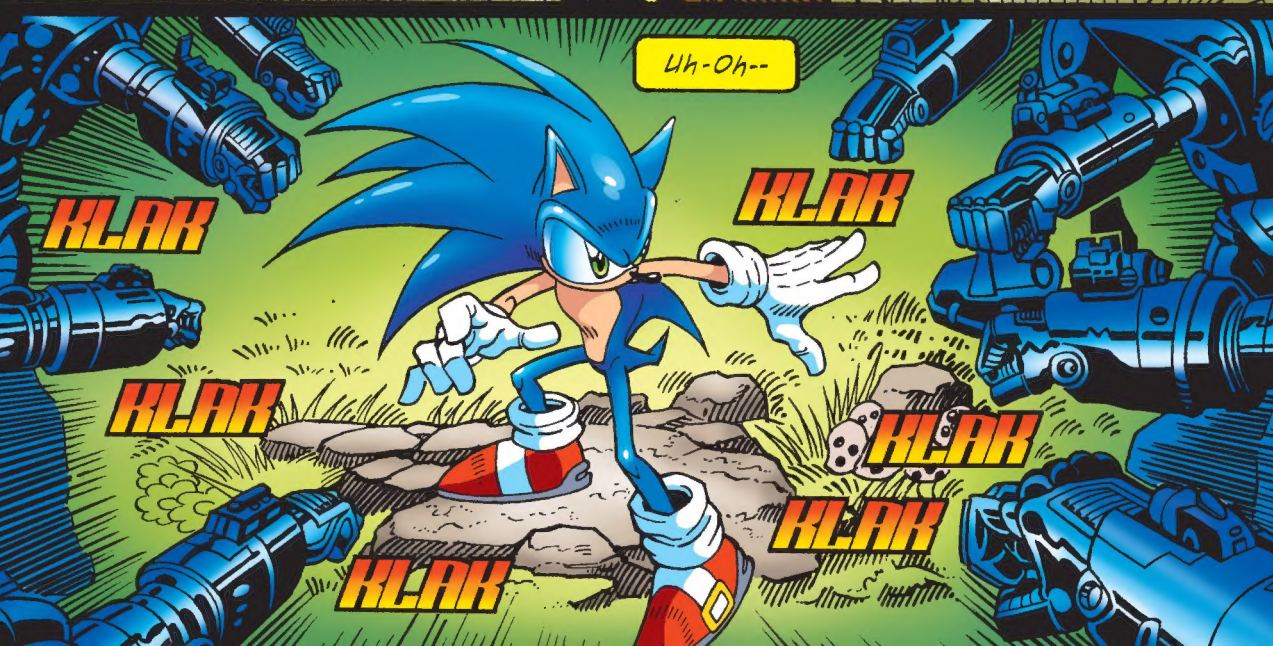
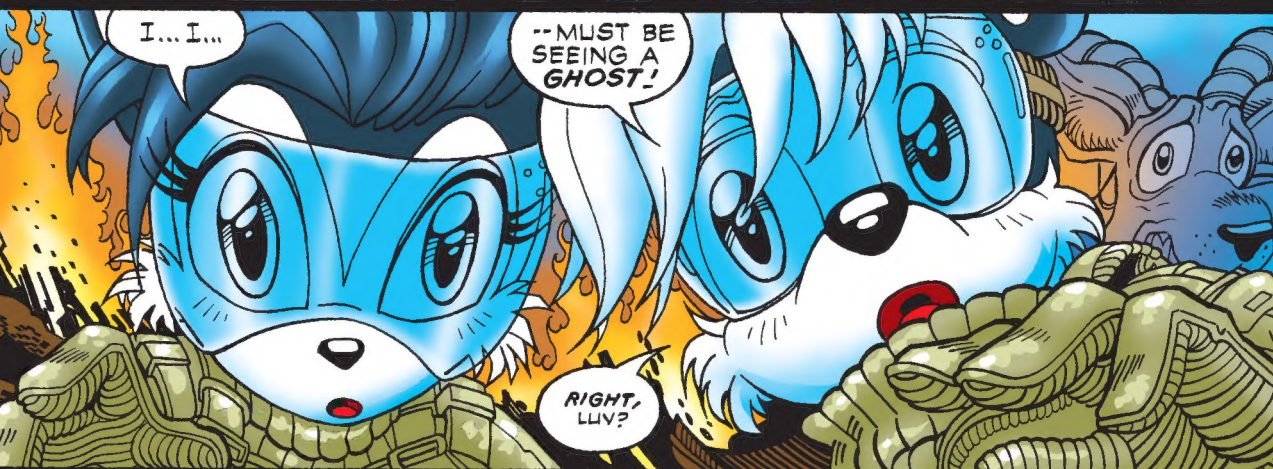


A.D.A.M....?

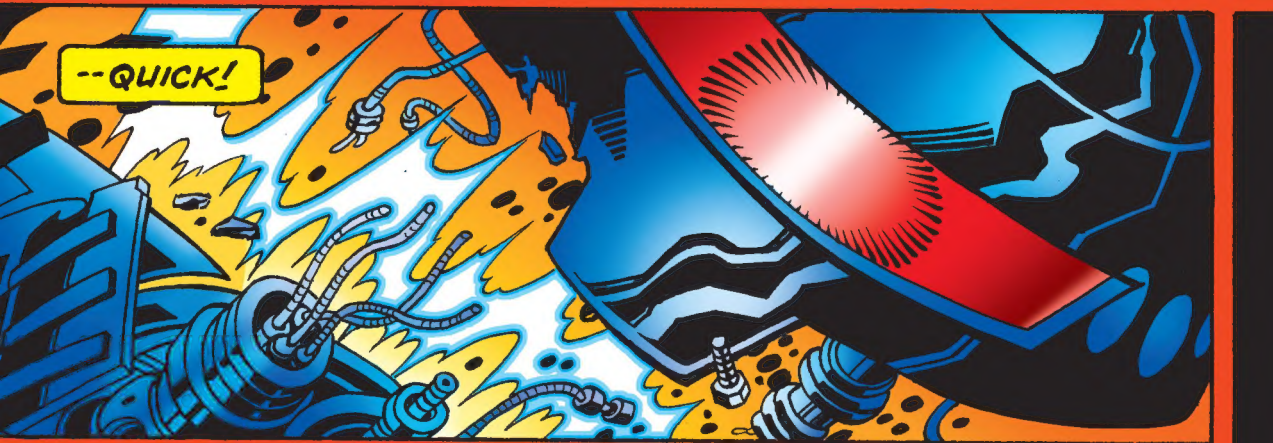
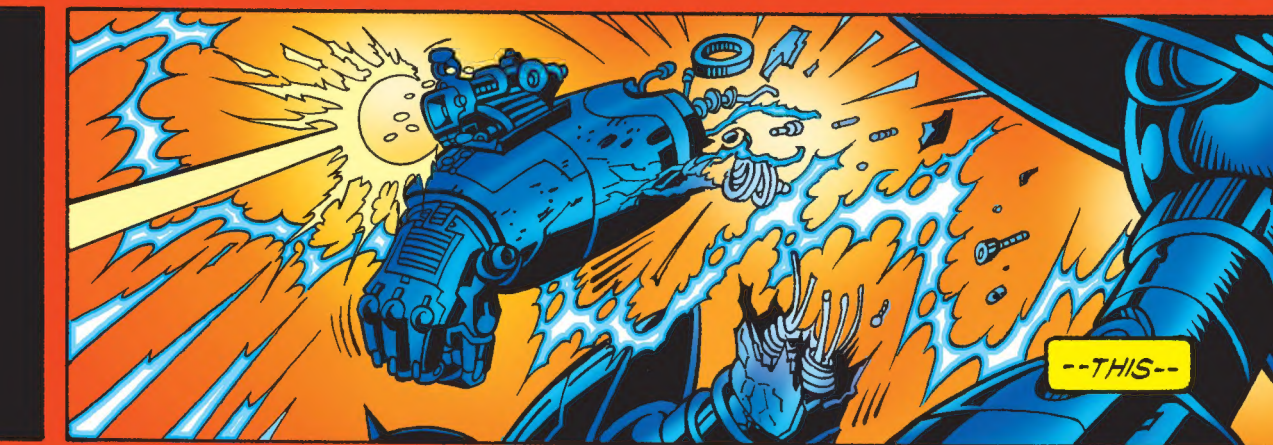
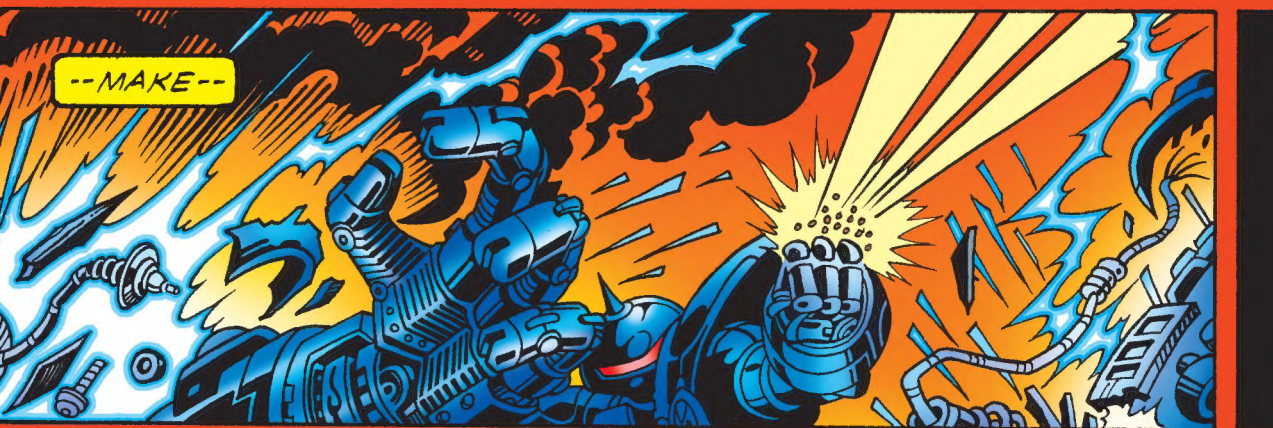
YES.  
FATHER...?

WE'VE **HONORED**  
THE **LOVERS' LAST REQUEST**,  
NOW I WANT TO HEAR  
SOMETHING **GO--**

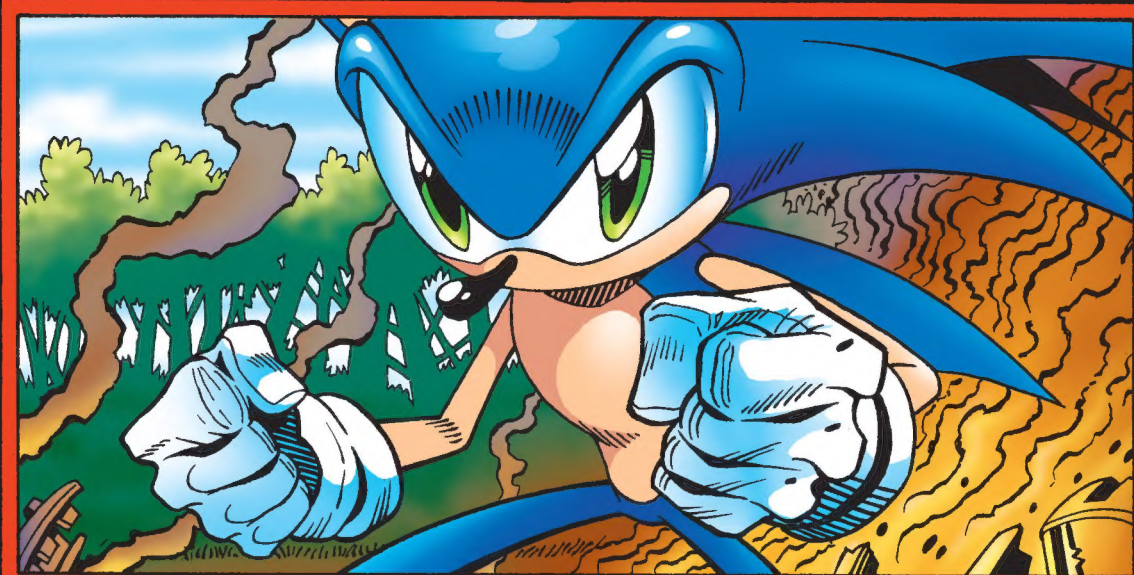








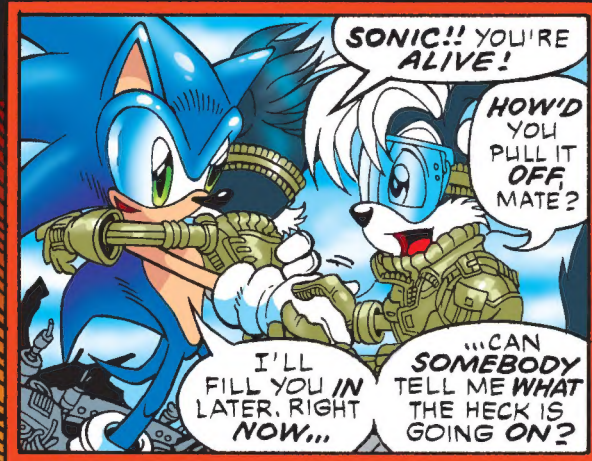








YAAAAAY! YAAAAAY!

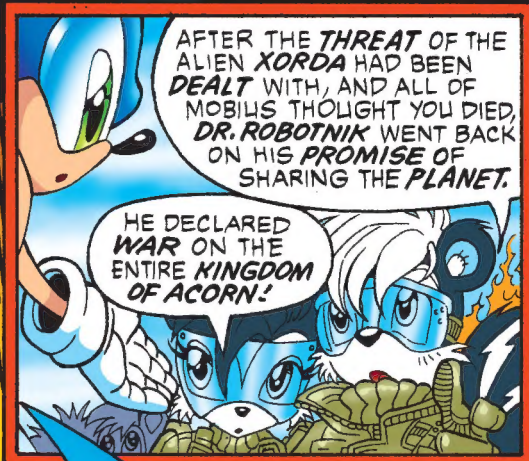


SONIC!! YOU'RE ALIVE!

HOW'D YOU PULL IT OFF, MATE?

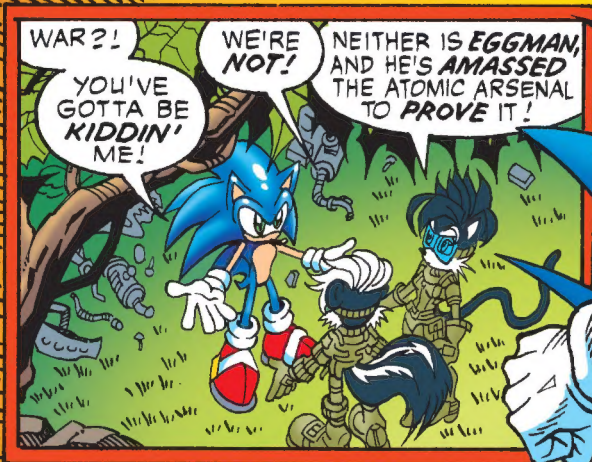
I'LL FILL YOU IN LATER, RIGHT NOW...

...CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?



AFTER THE **THREAT** OF THE ALIEN **XORDA** HAD BEEN DEALT WITH, AND ALL OF MOBIUS THOUGHT YOU DIED, DR. ROBOTNIK WENT BACK ON HIS **PROMISE** OF SHARING THE PLANET.

HE DECLARED **WAR** ON THE ENTIRE **KINGDOM** OF ACORN!



WAR?!

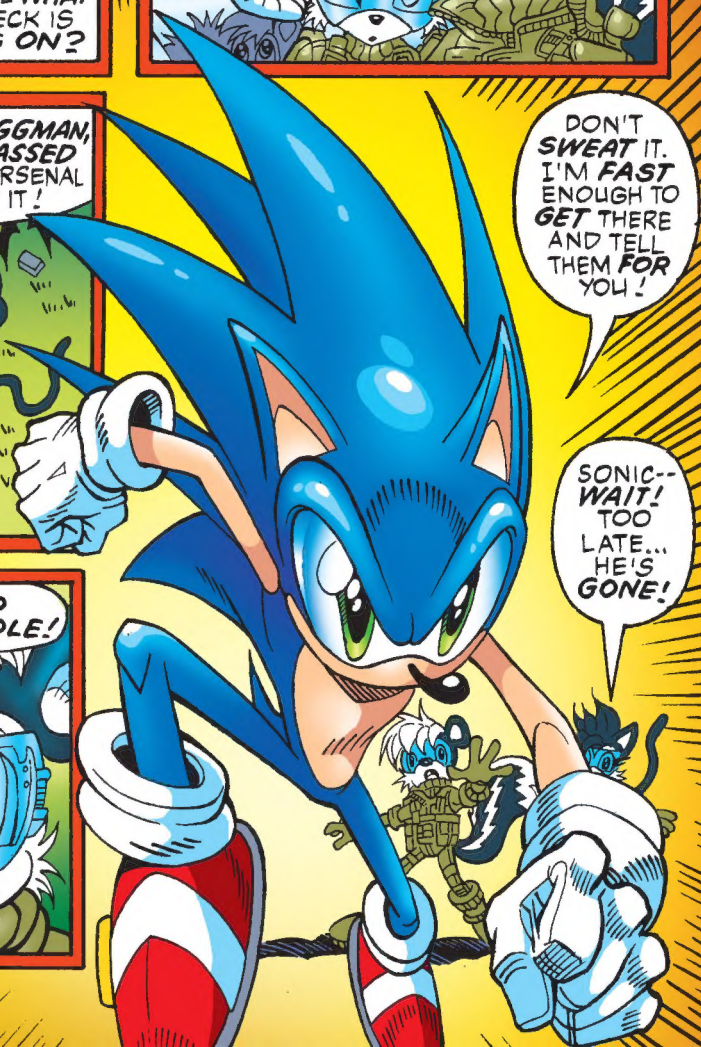
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!

WE'RE NOT!

NEITHER IS **EGGMAN**, AND HE'S AMASSED THE ATOMIC ARSENAL TO **PROVE** IT!



HE **TRIED** TO HAVE US **EXECUTED** BEFORE WE COULD WARN **KNOTHOLE**!



DON'T SWEAT IT. I'M **FAST** ENOUGH TO **GET** THERE AND TELL THEM **FOR** YOU!

SONIC-- WAIT! TOO LATE... HE'S **GONE**!



# NEW MEGAOPOLIS— CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

I DON'T GET IT,  
M! WHAT JUST  
HAPPENED?

WE'VE APPARENTLY  
LOST OUR LIVE  
VIDEO FEED,  
FATHER.

BUT, WHAT  
ABOUT ST. JOHN AND  
HERSHEY? HAVE THEY  
BEEN EFFECTIVELY  
RUBBED OUT?

A.D.A.M.,--  
YOU CONTROL  
ALL OF MY  
SWAT-BOT  
UNITS!  
I NEED  
ANSWERS!

THE ENTIRE  
PHALANX  
HAS BEEN  
DESTROYED,  
FATHER.

THIS WAS  
THE LAST  
RECORDED  
IMAGE.

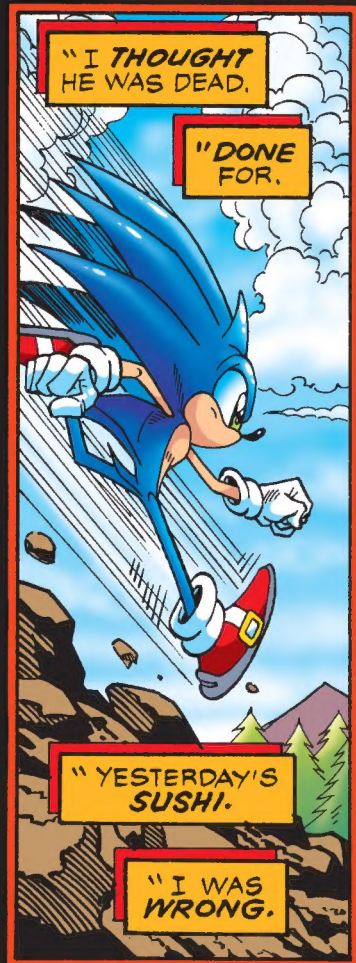
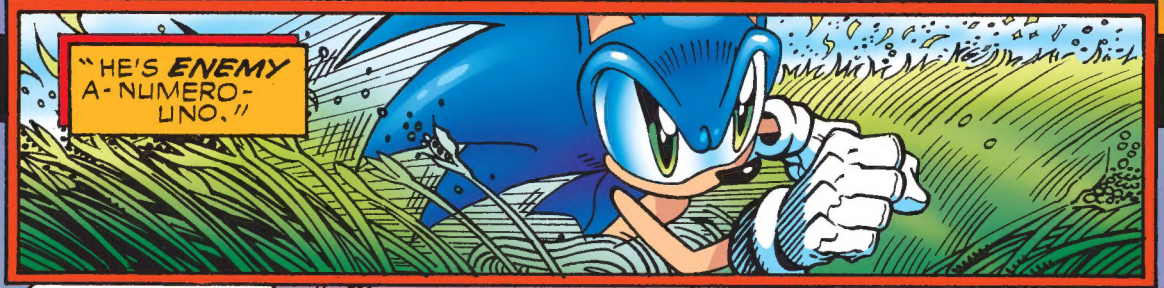
OH, ME. DEEP  
BREATHS.

OH, MY.  
REMAIN  
CALM.

OH, DEAR.  
NOT REALLY  
WORKING.

GAAAAAAH!!





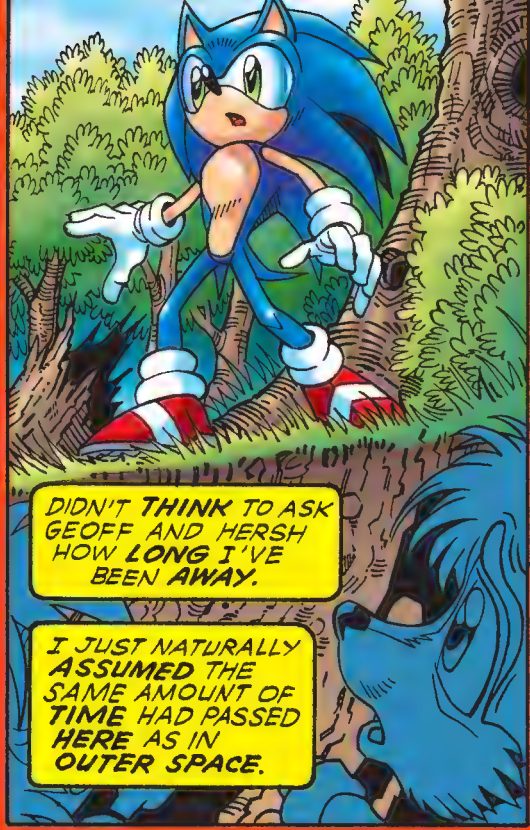




KNOTHOLE?!

IT'S--  
--WAY  
DIFFERENT!





DIDN'T THINK TO ASK GEOFF AND HERSH HOW LONG I'VE BEEN AWAY.

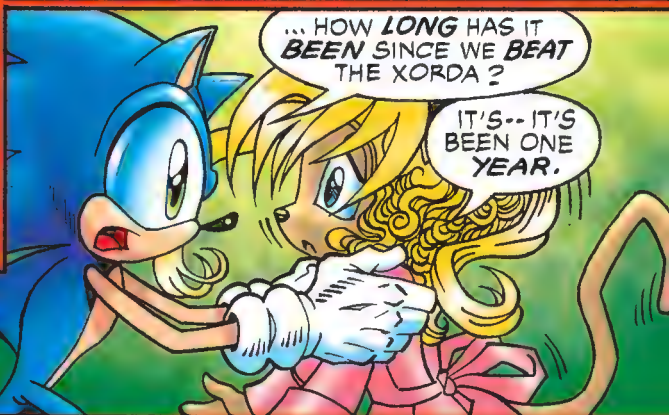
I JUST NATURALLY ASSUMED THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME HAD PASSED HERE AS IN OUTER SPACE.



SAY, KID, WHAT DAY IS TODAY?

W-WEDNESDAY...

HOW...



... HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE BEAT THE KORDA?

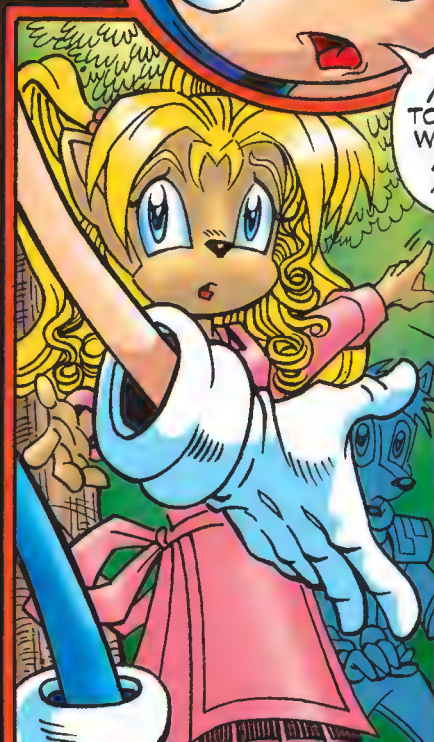
IT'S-- IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR.

ONE... YEAR?

BUT HOW...?



I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE KING ASAP.

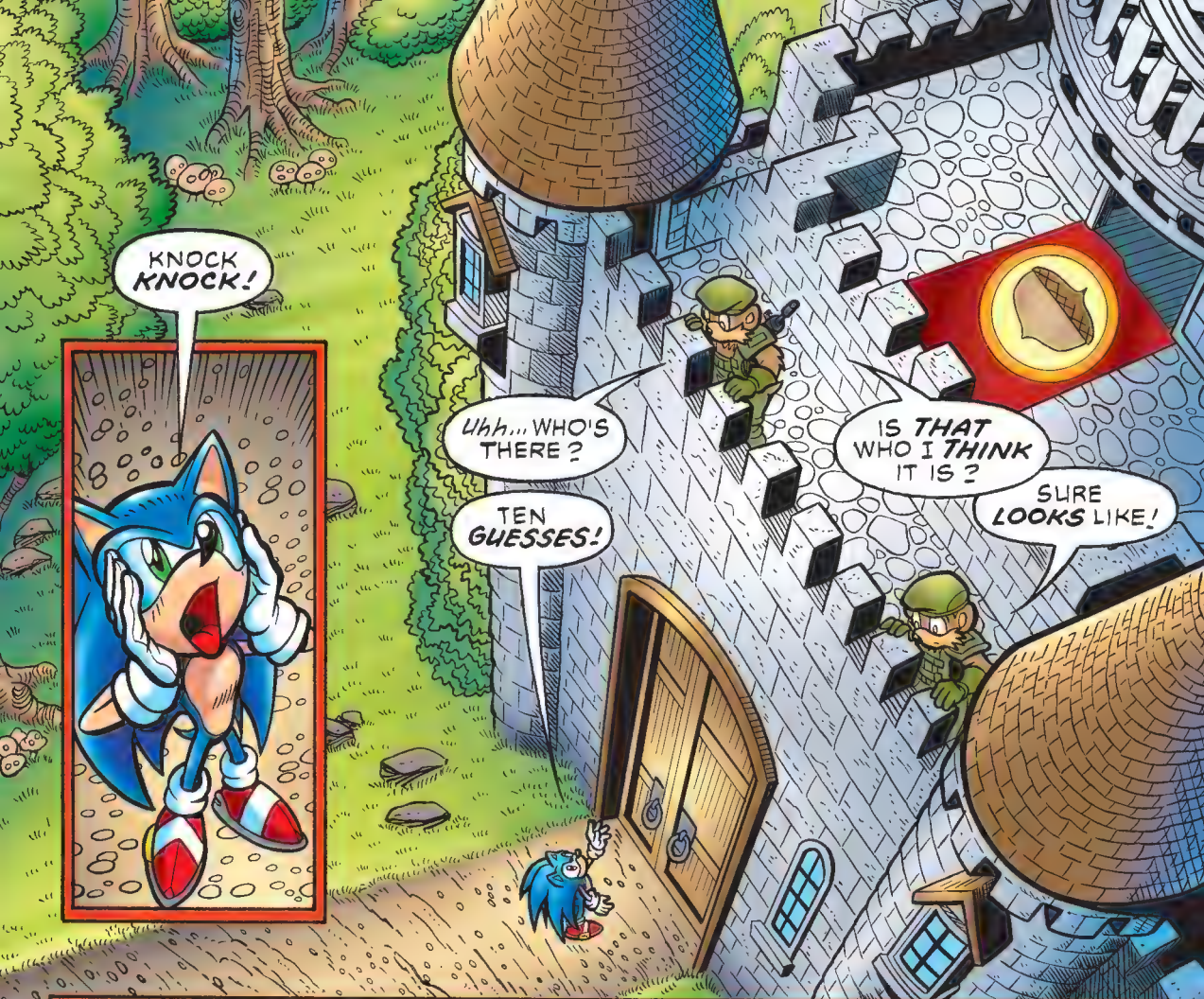


CASTLE ACORN'S THAT WAY!



THANKS, KID.





Uhh... WHO'S THERE?

TEN GUESSES!

IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

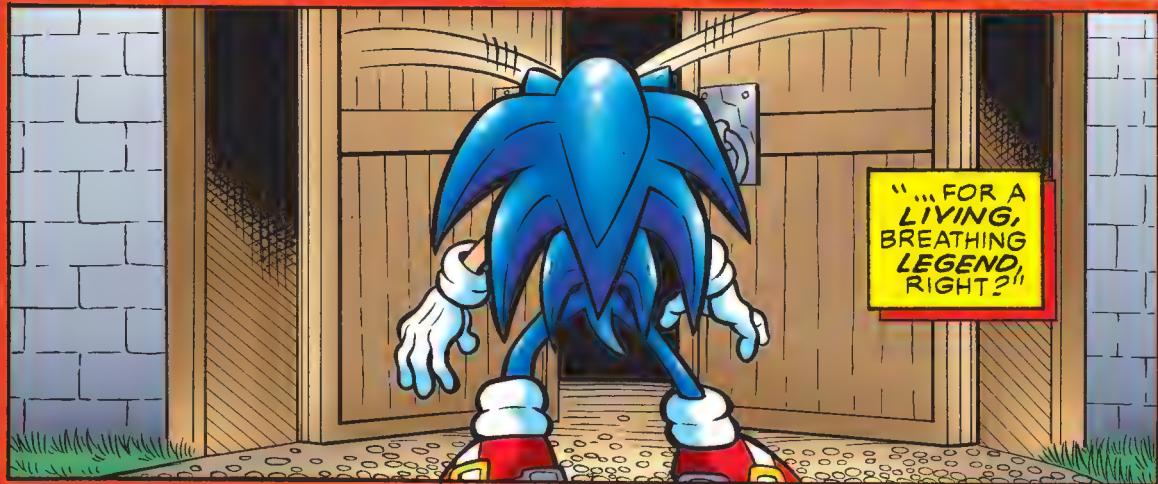
SURE LOOKS LIKE!



BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

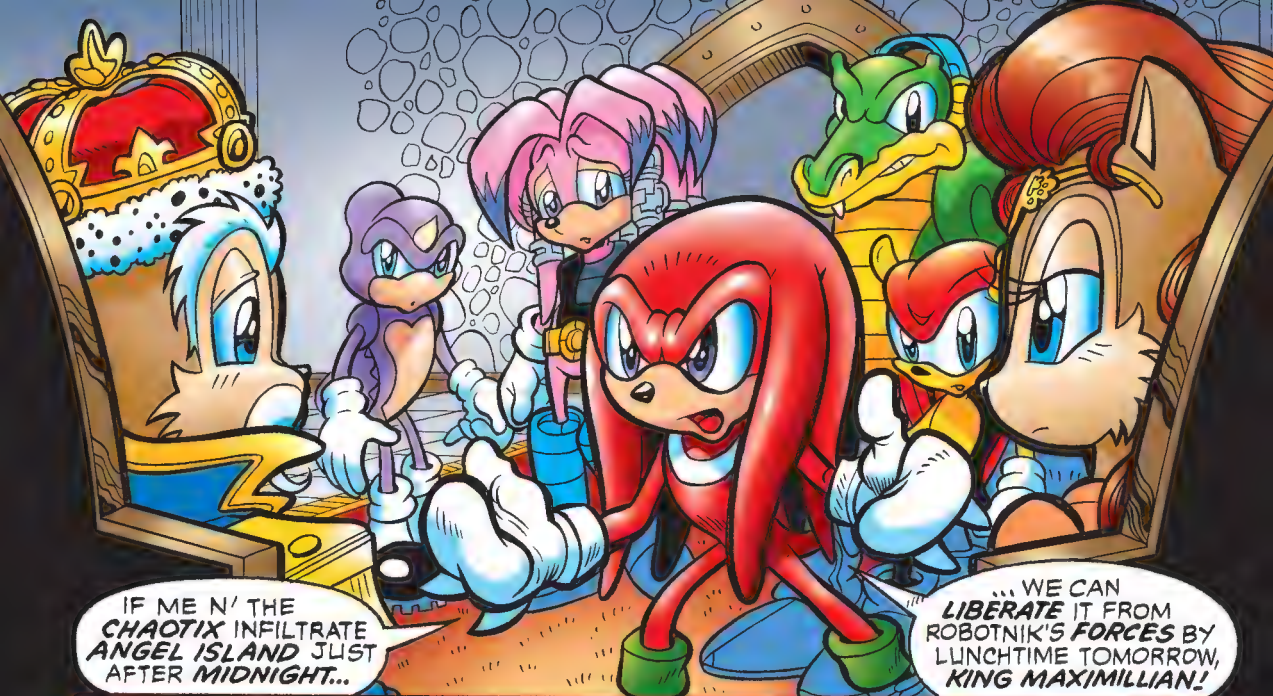
SHOULD WE LET HIM IN?

I SUPPOSE IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO...



"...FOR A LIVING, BREATHING LEGEND, RIGHT?"





IF ME N' THE  
**CHAOTIX** INFILTRATE  
ANGEL ISLAND JUST  
AFTER **MIDNIGHT**...

... WE CAN  
**LIBERATE** IT FROM  
ROBOTNIK'S **FORCES** BY  
LUNCHTIME TOMORROW,  
**KING MAXIMILLIAN!**

I'M SORRY, **KNUCKLES**,  
BUT WE HAVE TO **DENY**  
YOUR REQUEST AT THIS  
TIME. **KNOTHOLE CITY**  
REQUIRES YOUR **PRES-  
ENCE** A BIT LONGER.

I'M IN **AGREEMENT** WITH **QUEEN  
ALICIA**, LAD. WE **KNOW** THAT  
ROBOTNIK'S **HATCHING** A NEW  
PLAN UP NORTH IN **NEW  
MEGAOPOLIS**...

WE JUST **DON'T**  
KNOW WHAT IT  
**IS**.

OH,  
YES WE  
**DO**.



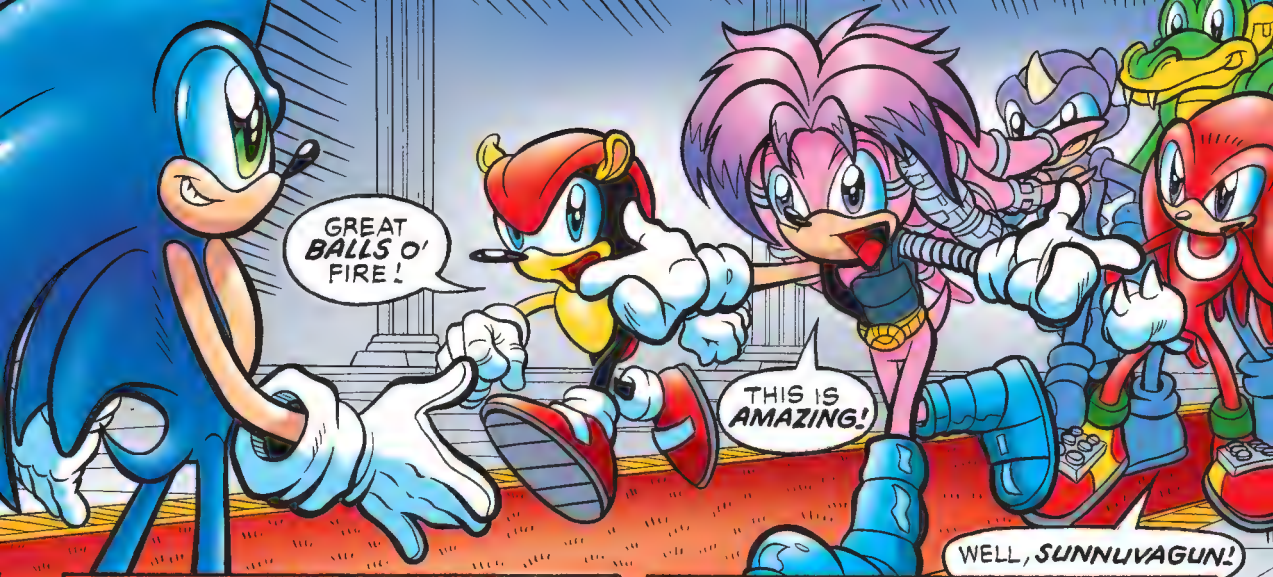
KNUCKLES--  
IT'S--IT'S--

SONIC  
THE HEDGE-  
HOG, **JULIE-  
SU**.

SWEET **MOTHER**  
OF **MOBIUS**, IT'S  
SONIC THE HEDGE-  
HOG.

S'UP?

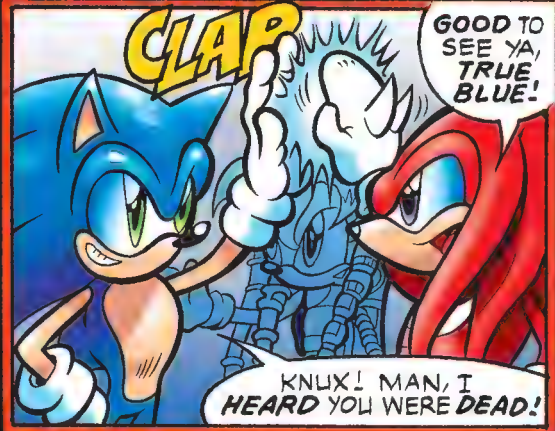




GREAT  
BALLS O'  
FIRE!

THIS IS  
AMAZING!

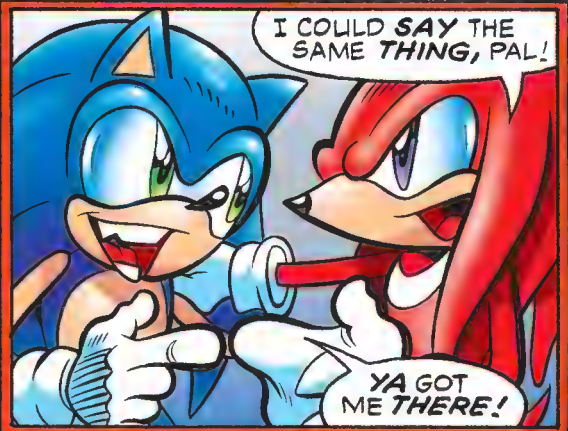
WELL, SUNNUVAGUN!



CLAP

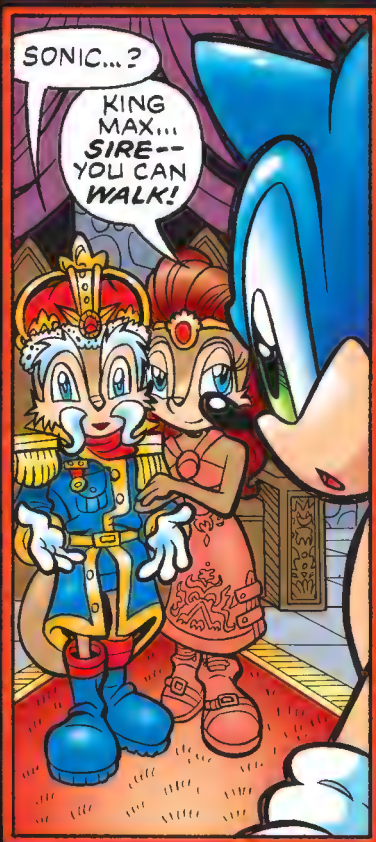
GOOD TO  
SEE YA,  
TRUE  
BLUE!

KNUX! MAN, I  
HEARD YOU WERE DEAD!



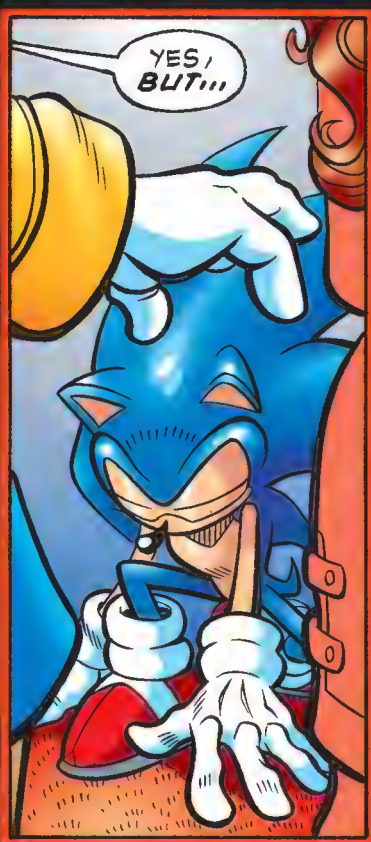
I COULD SAY THE  
SAME THING, PAL!

YA GOT  
ME THERE!



SONIC...?

KING  
MAX...  
SIRE--  
YOU CAN  
WALK!



YES,  
BUT...



... HOW DID YOU MAKE IT,  
MY BOY?

I'M NOT *SURE*. IT'S A  
TRIPPED-OUT STORY,  
BUT I'M HOME *SAFE*  
AND *READY* TO SERVE  
MY KINGDOM!

WHAT DID YOU  
MEAN ABOUT  
ROBOTNIK?

ATOMICS.





THAT **MANIAC** COULD HAVE AS **LITTLE** AS TWO OR AS **MANY** AS TWO HUNDRED **RIGHT** AT HIS **FINGERTIPS**.

IT'S **STILL** TOO **EARLY** TO **TELL**.

**GEEZ.**

I **FEARED** IT WOULD **COME** TO **THIS**.

SONIC?! IS IT **REALLY** YOU?! I THOUGHT THE **GUARDS** HAD LOST THEIR **MINDS**!

UNCLE **CHUCK**?

**SONNY** BOY!

UNCLE **CHUCK**!!

HOW **AM** I **DOING**?  
HOW **ARE** YOU **DOIN'**?

HOW **AM** I **DOING**?  
HOW **ARE** YOU **DOING**?

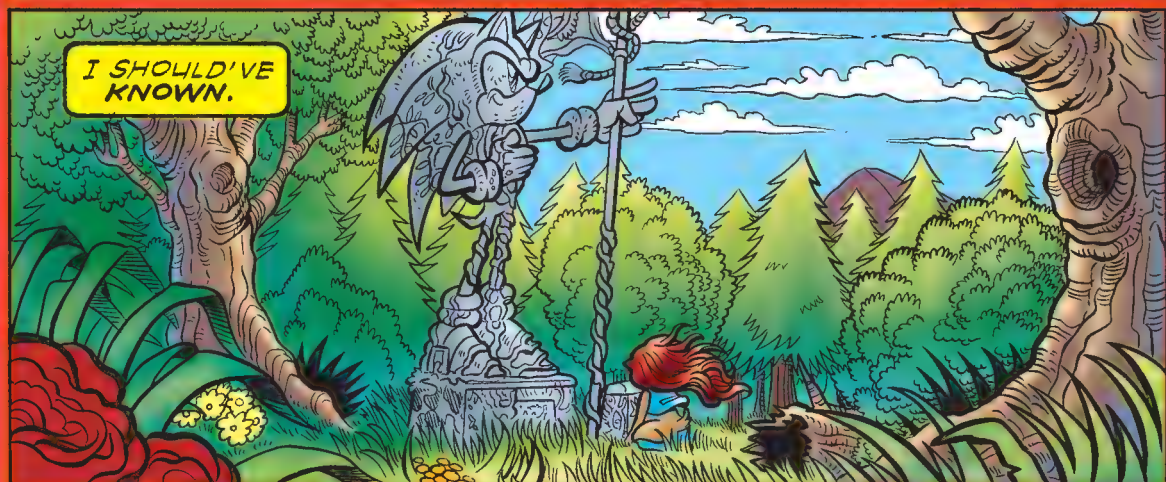
NEVER FELT **BETTER** IN MY **LIFE**. WHERE'S **MOM** N' **DAD**?

I'LL **SEND** FOR THEM **AT** **ONCE**!

WHICH **BRINGS** ME TO MY **NEXT** BIG **QUESTION**...

...WHERE'S **SAL**?





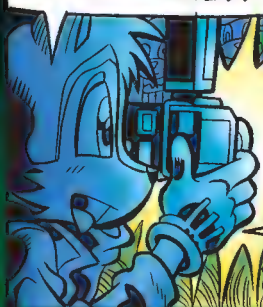




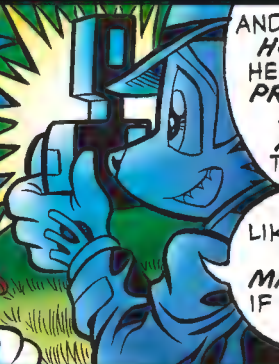




LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS ARE ON THE **MONEY**, BOYS!



SONIC'S BACK FROM THE GRAVE AFTER ONE **WHOLE** YEAR!



AND GETTING **HOT** AND **HEAVY** WITH **PRINCESS SALLY ACORN** TO **BOOT**!

SOUNDS LIKE FRONT PAGE **MATERIAL**, IF YOU ASK **ME**!



WHO--?

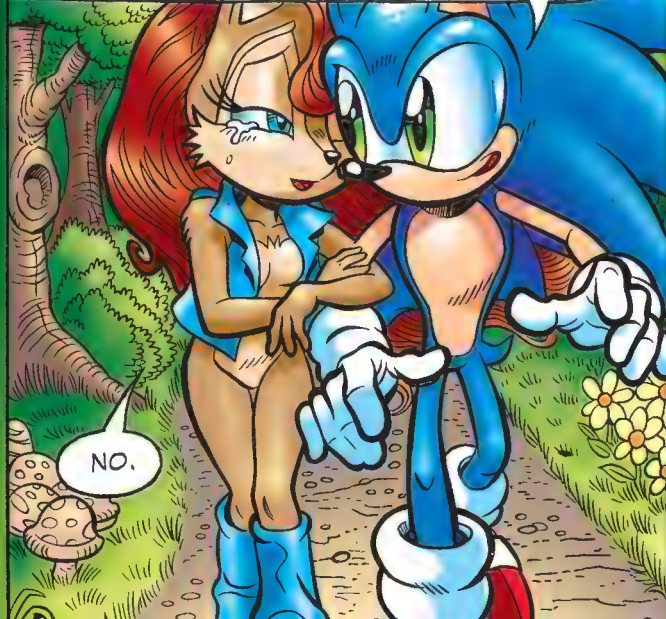
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WOULD YOU **ALLOW** THE **ROYAL COUPLE** A **MOMENT OF PRIVACY**?

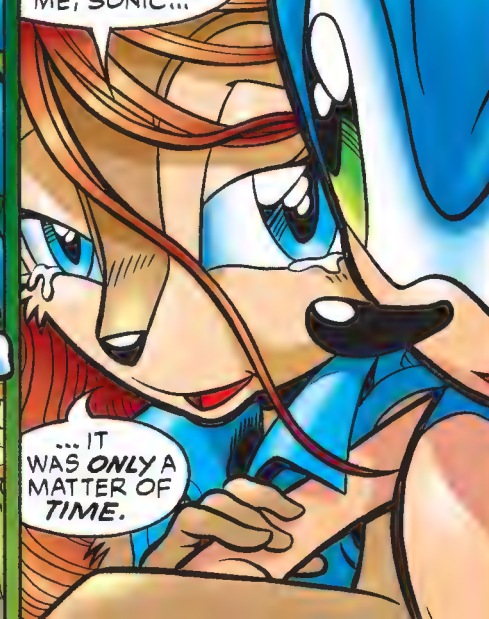
WHERE WERE YOU **RAISED**? IN A **KENNEL**?

SO, **SAL**, **AREN'T** YOU GOING TO **SAY** YOU THOUGHT I WAS **DEAD**? OR, ASK HOW I **SURVIVED**?

I **KNEW** YOU'D COME **BACK** TO ME, **SONIC**...

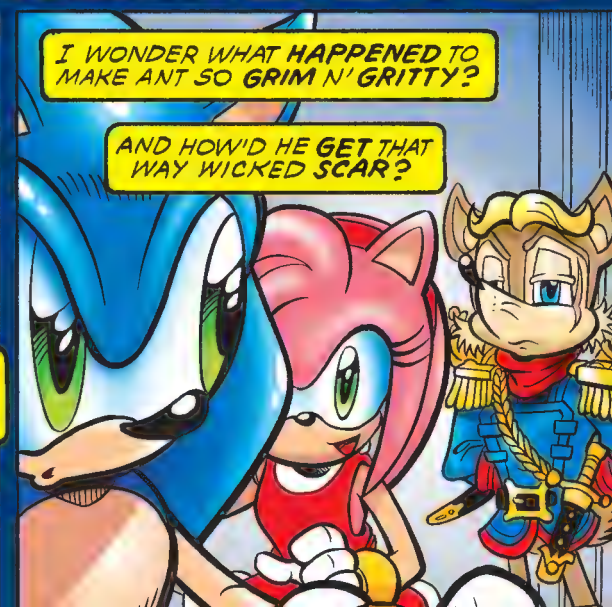
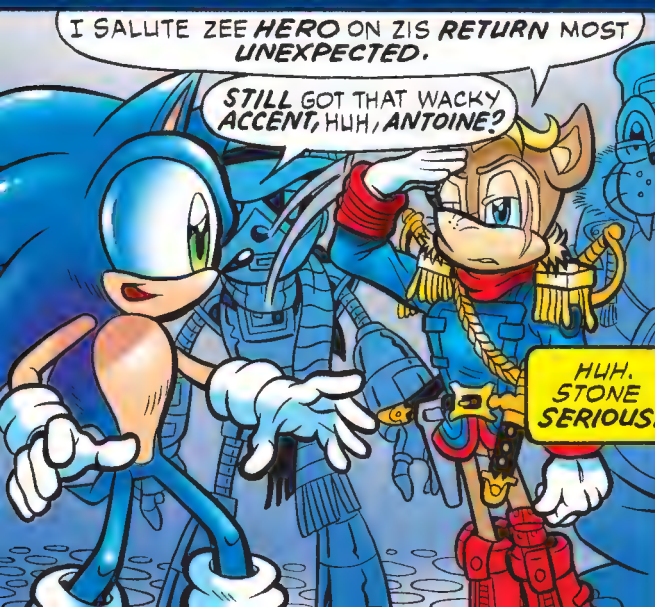
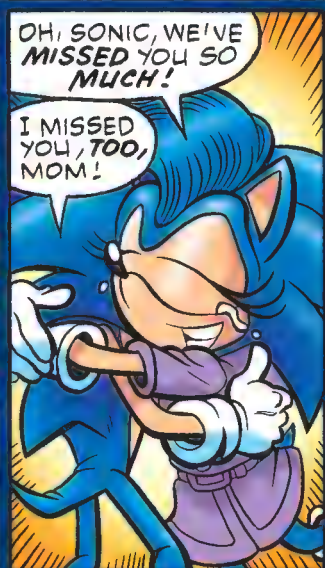
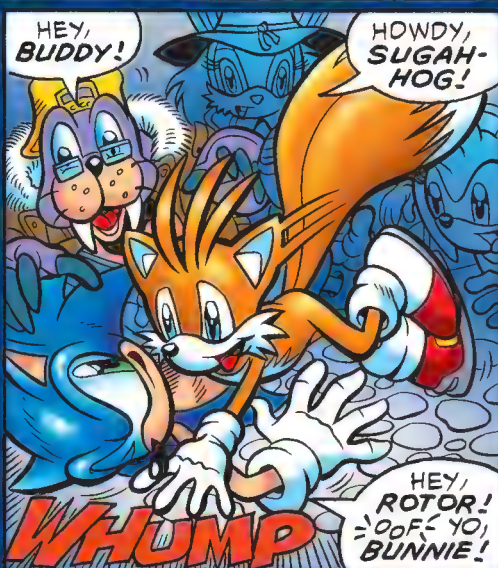
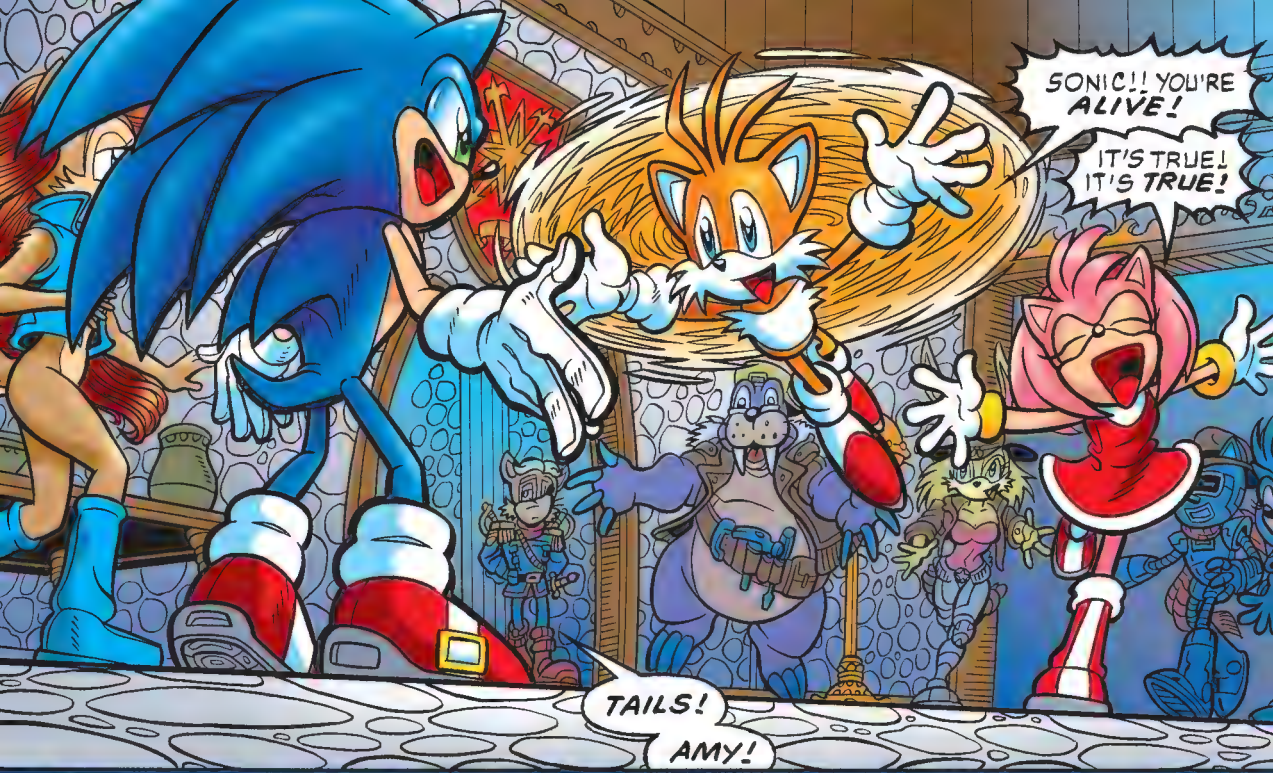


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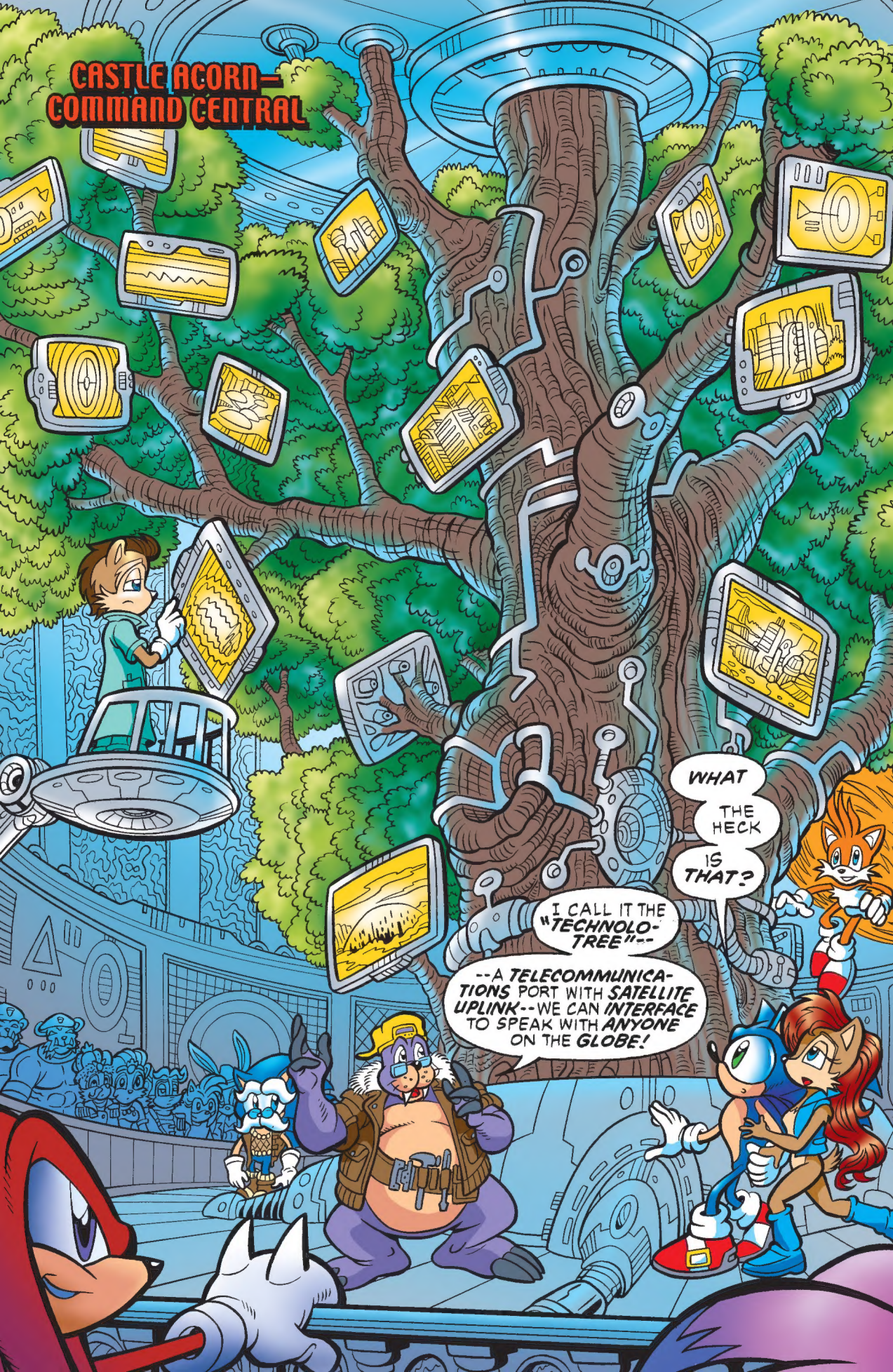
...IT WAS **ONLY** A **MATTER OF TIME**.







# CASTLE ACORN— COMMAND CENTRAL

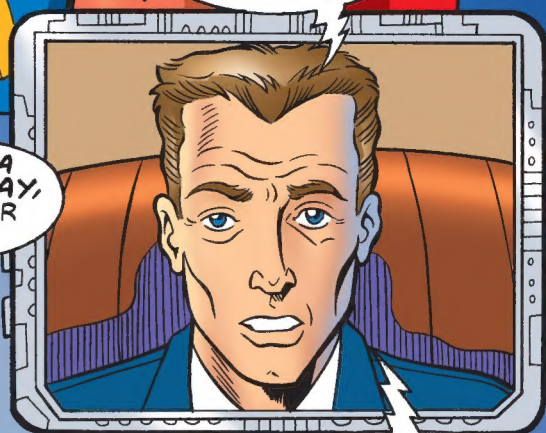
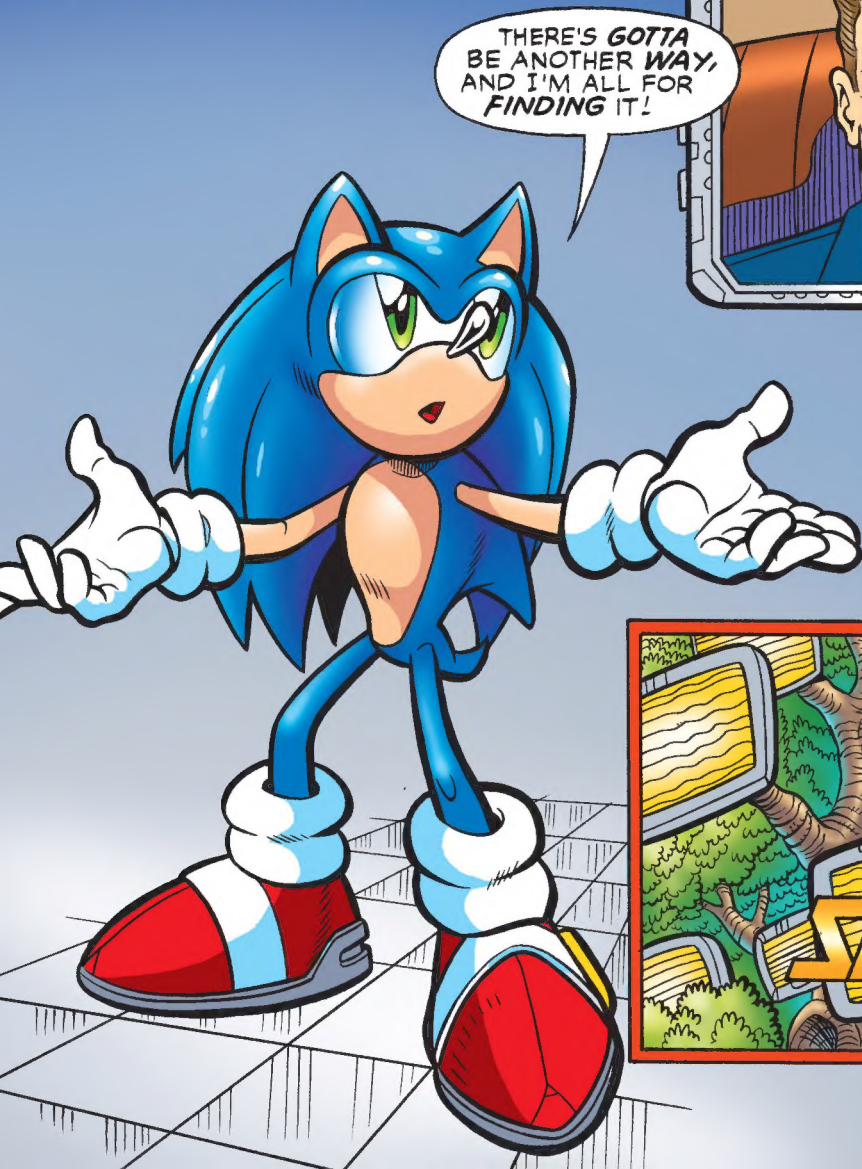


WHAT  
THE  
HECK  
IS  
THAT?

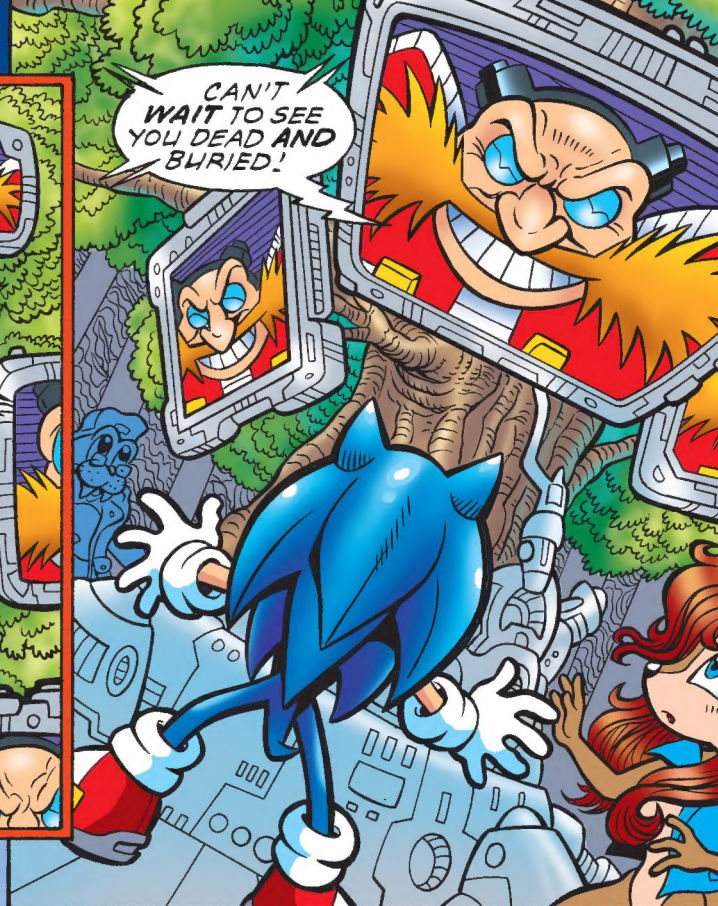
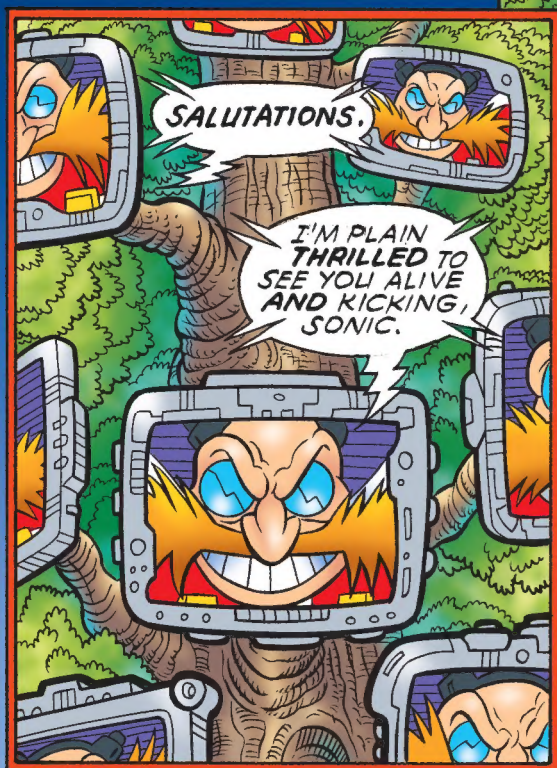
I CALL IT THE  
"TECHNOLO-  
TREE"

--A TELECOMMUNICA-  
TIONS PORT WITH SATELLITE  
UPLINK--WE CAN INTERFACE  
TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE  
ON THE GLOBE!

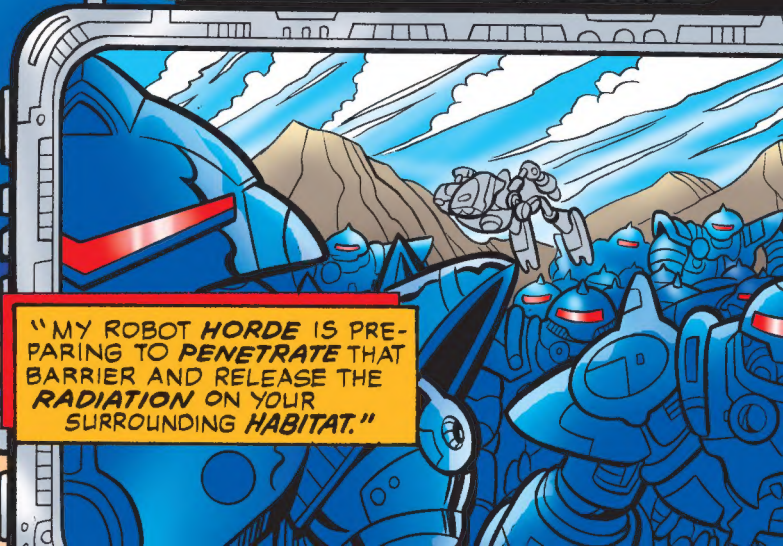
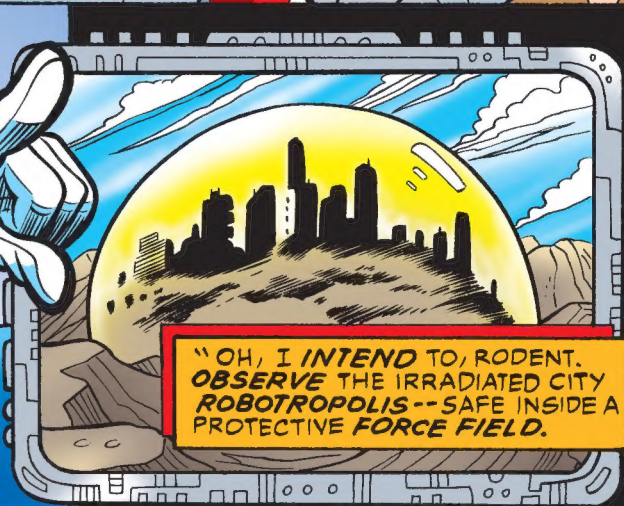








BRING IT ON,  
RO"BU"TT"NIK!





## OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR

BUT, WAIT  
IT GETS  
BETTER, RIGHT  
BEHIND ME,  
THERE ARE  
TWO ATOMIC  
WARHEAD  
MISSILES!

ONE IS  
AIMED AT KNOT-  
HOLE CITY, THE  
OTHER IS  
TARGETING  
STATION  
SQUARE.

I CALL IT  
OPERATION:  
TRIPLE  
THREAT!

CAN  
YOU TACKLE  
IT?

TO BE  
CONTINUED!